

\*RECALL NOTIFICATION REPORT\*  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

PRODUCTS RECALLED: Bulk ground beef and ground beef patties.

PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES: Produced May 13, 2002.  
The ground beef products being recalled are: \* 10-lb. cases of "J&B BRAND MEATS, CORP., J-BURGER SEASONED BEEF PATTIE." Each case bears the product code "11372TF," "11373TF," or "11374TF" located on the label. \* 10-lb. cases of "J&B BRAND MEATS, CORP., BEEF STEAK BURGER." Each case bears the product code "J1002," "J1003," or "J1004" located on the label. \* 20-lb. cases of "J&B BRAND MEATS, CORP., GROUND BEEF PATTIES." Each case bears the product code "JB0704W2" or "JB0705W2" located on the label. \* 10-lb. cases of "J&B BRAND MEATS, CORP., ULTIMATE BURGER CHOPPED BEEF STEAK." Each case bears the product code "1012CL," "1013CL," or "1014CL" located on the label. \* 10-lb cases of "MARTINS & SONS MEAT CO., BEEF STEAK BURGER." Each case bears the product code "MJ1003" or "MJ1004" located on the label. \* 24.5-lb. cases of "J&B BRAND MEATS, CORP., GROUND BEEF PATTIE." Each case bears the product code "8218" located on the label. \* 16-lb. cases of "J&B BRAND MEATS, CORP., GROUND BEEF PATTIE." Each case bears the product code "1126L" located on the label. \* 40-lb. cases of "J&B BRAND MEATS, CORP., GROUND BEEF." Each case bears the product code "8020VP" located on the label.

Each case bears the establishment number "EST. 5712" printed inside the USDA mark of inspection and a stamped seven digit date code, the last six digits of which are "213052."

PROBLEM/REASON FOR RECALL: The product may be contaminated with Escherichia coli O157:H7.

HOW/WHEN DISCOVERED: A microbiological sample collected by FSIS personnel as part of an illness investigation on June 20, 2002, returned a positive result for Escherichia coli O157:H7 on June 25, 2002.

FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT: 05712 M  
J & B Meats Corporation  
P.O. Box 69  
Coal Valley, IL 61240

CONSUMER CONTACT: James Sommer, VP of Operations, 800-522-7345

MEDIA CONTACT: Jeff Jobe, President, 309-799-7341

QUANTITY RECALLED: Approximately 63,000 pounds

DISTRIBUTION: Nationwide

RECALL CLASSIFICATION: Class I

RECALL NOTIFICATION LEVEL: User

PRESS RELEASE: Yes

DIRECT NOTIFICATION MEANS: The firm has notified its customers orally and in writing.

FSIS FOLLOWUP ACTIVITIES: Effectiveness checks by the FSIS, District Enforcement Operations.

OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED: Linn County, Iowa, Department of Public Health

FSIS CONTACTS:

Compliance/Recall Coordinator: 202-418-8874

Recall Management: 202-690-6389

Media Inquiries: 202-720-9113

Congressional Inquiries: 202-720-3897

Consumer Inquiries: 1-800-535-4555

Web site: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/recalls/rec\\_intr.htm](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/recalls/rec_intr.htm)

DATE OF RECALL MEETING: June 26, 2002

RECALL CASE NUMBER: 054-2002